Kuri Regulation—Conducting lottery without Government sanction—compounding of offence.

316. Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether the Superintendent of Registration was not competent to compound an offence under the Kuri Regulation without resort to any other authority sometime before;

(b) if so, it is a fact that the Superintendent of Registration has been asked 'to attend to the business of his own department and not to interfere with matters which do not concern him' in connection with the compounding of the offence of conducting lottery without Government sanction alleged to be committed by one P. S. Abdu;

(c) how did Abdu's prosecution end, if he had been prosecuted;

(d) why was not the prosecution withdrawn when the alleged offence had been compounded by a competent authority;

(e) how does the compounding by the Registrar become an interference with matters which do not concern him?

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—(a) In pursuance of the rules framed by the Government under the Cochin Kuries Regulation, the Superintendent of Registration was, until the rules were amended recently, invested with the power of compounding some offence under that Regulation.

(b) Government regret that the orders under reference cannot be published.

(c) The accused was acquitted under section 221 of the Criminal Procedure Code.

(d) It was not thought necessary to withdraw the prosecution because the Court could and did acquit the accused on the strength of the compounding effected by the Superintendent of Registration.

(e) In view of the answer given above to clause (b), this question does not arise.

Demonstration of the use of manure by the Agricultural Department.

317. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Will Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the extent of land in the Mulakunnathukavu constituency and belonging to tenants on which demonstration of the use of manure, etc., was shown by the Agricultural Department in 1109;

(b) the total yield obtained from such lands in 1109;

(c) the cost of cultivation of the area in (a) according to the Government methods;

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(d) whether agriculturists have taken to these methods as a result of the demonstration?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(a) *Paddy demonstrations.*

Village.	*Extent.*
Kolazhi	40 cents
Kuttur	46 ,,
Mundur	40 ,,
Panancheri	40 ,,
Madakkathara	40 ,,
Total	206 cents

Sugar-cane demonstrations.

Kuttur 20 cents

(b) *Paddy demonstrations.*

	Paras	*Ed.*	*Nalis*
1st crop	140	6	2
2nd crop	202	6	0
Total	343	2	2

Sugar-cane demonstrations.

2,342 canes.

(c) *Paddy*:—Free supply of the following manures 172½ lbs of Castor Cake and 17½ lbs. of Fish manure per crop costing Rs. 13—14—10.

Sugar-cane:—Free supply of setts and manures costing Rs. 22—3—10.

(d) The usefulness of these manures and new methods of Agriculture are being realised gradually by the Agriculturists.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—May I know whether the Government have any information regarding the comparative yield of these lands on which demonstration has been done and similar lands adjoining?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—The figures are available but I have not got them herenow.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—May I know how they compare, that is to say whether by our demonstration it has been possible to get greater yield?

Rama Varmha Tmapuran.—Naturally one should expect that a better yield would be obtained by using scientific manures.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Is the Government sure that by the supply of these scientific manure the yield is better than in the adjoining lands with these manures?

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Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Government have not scrutinised the figures. Without doing that it is rather difficult to answer that question.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Have the Government satisfied that this money spent in the shape of demonstration is well spent?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—It is the first proposition that scientific manuring gives a much better yield than ordinary manuring.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—How long has this demonstration been going on?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—It has been going on every year for the last 10 or 12 years.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Will the Government be pleased to enquire into the comparative cost?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Government have no objection.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—May I know whether the sum of Rs. 13—14—10 is not the cost of manure supplied or does it take into account the cost of seeds, the cost of ploughing and all other things?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I should think it to be the entire cost.

Mr. A. Sankara Poduval.—May I knw whether the Government is in a position to say what all localities are suited for sugar-cane cultivation?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—A preliminary enquiry was conducted in that matter about 18 months back and they are of opinion that the banks of the Periyar river and certain tracts of the Mukundapuram taluk are suitable for this kind of cultivation.

Mr. A. Sankara Poduval.—Have arrangements been made to make an experimental cultivation of this?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Yes.

Mr. A. Sankara Poduval.—Where?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—In Chowara.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Are the Government in a position to assert that the produce under this demonstration method is more than under the usual method?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—That was exactly the question put by the Hon'ble Member for Mulakunnathukavu.

President.—That question has already been answered.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—May I know whether this is the only manure that is used in cultivation or whether cow-dung and such other manures are also used?

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Rama Varmha Tampuran.—There are different sorts of manures. I do not know which sort of manure was applied to the land in question. The person who demonstrate in a particular plot of land knows the kind of manure which is best suited to the land. Manures are intended to supplement the food value of the soil and naturally he will select such manure as will suit a particular soil.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—My question is whether to produce 343 paras 2 edangazhis and 2 nalis of paddy on this 206 cents of land theGovernment has spent anything more than this Rs. 13—14—100r whether this amount is spent for manures alone?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—The answer is very clear. If the Member suspects as to the correctness of the figures we shall call for further figures.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—What will be the net income after deducting the cost of production?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I have not worked it out, nor have I the figures to work it out.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Have the Government any information to show how much land is manured by the public and by the demonstration methods on their own accord?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—We have not got the figures.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Will you kindly give the information if notice is given?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—So far as I know the department has not got these figures to show how much of the cultivable lands in the State is cultivated with this kind of manuring.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Without that information how are we to know whether the public are making use of this demonstration and whether they are being benefited by it?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Generally when good things are demonstrated the people naturally adopt these things.

Mr. Joseph Pettah.—May I know whether the work of cultivation was done by the department or by the ryots concerned?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I want notice.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Is there any harm to try to get the information?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—There is no harm; but there is no agency to do that; nor have we the materials necessary for that.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Cannot some information be got through the Agricultural Inspectors?

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Rama Varmha Tampuran —It is very doubtful because it is a very wide field that the Member has indicated by the question.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Is it not expected of the Agricultural Inspectors who tour round the country to see whether the ryots are making use of the better methods demonstrated to them?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I do not think they are.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Are they making visits to these demonstration farms?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—They are; but it is not possible to get the information from there.

Conversion of Vadakkancheri Dispensary into an Hospital.

318. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether representations have not been made to convert the Vadakkancheri Dispensary into an Hospital,

(b) what is the number of beds allowed for the present dispensary;

(c) has there not been constant complaints regarding want of accommodation in the dispensary;

(d) what is the number of in-patients admitted during 1108 and 1109;

(e) what is the number refused admission as in-patients during 1108 and 1109;

(f) has Vadakkancheri dispensary been given any allotment from the 3 lakhs sanctioned by His Highness the Maharaja in connection with the last Viceregal Visit?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.— (a) Yes.

(b) Eight.

(c) There were representations in the past.

(d) 271 in 1108 and 316 in 1109.

(e) No deserving patient was refused admission in 1108 and 1109.

(f) No.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—May I know whether the Government are aware that, in this dispensary, the in-patients are made to lie on the verandah?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.— It may be that some times it may not be possible to refuse admission to some people. There are only 8 cots there and when more than 8 patients come in it is quite natural when the condition of the patient is so serious as not to refuse him admission such patients are admitted and made to lie on the verandah.

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